IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA

**RULE 26 INSTRUCTION ORDER** 

In a case originally filed in this district, the parties shall confer as provided in Federal

Rule of Civil Procedure 26(f) by the earlier of sixty days after any defendant has been served

with the complaint or forty-five days after any defendant has appeared. L.R. 26.1(a). In

removed cases, the parties shall confer within twenty-one days from the later of the date of

removal or filing of the last answer, but in no event later than forty-five days after first

appearance by answer or Rule 12 motion of any defendant named in the original complaint.

L.R. 26.1(e). In cases transferred from another district, the parties shall confer within

twenty-one days of the case docketing in this district. L.R. 26.1(f).

Within fourteen days after the Rule 26(f) conference, the parties shall complete and

file the attached Rule 26(f) report. L.R. 26.1(b). A copy of this form in fillable format can be

found by following this link: https://www.gasd.uscourts.gov/sites/gasd/files/rule26f.pdf. A

party who cannot gain the cooperation of the other party in preparing the report should

advise the Court prior to the filing deadline.

SO ORDERED.

BRIAN K. EPPS

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Local Rules may be found on the Court's website at www.gasd.uscourts.gov.

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA

	Plaintiff ) ) Case No. ) Defendant )	
	RULE 26(f) REPORT	
Date	e of Rule 26(f) conference:	
Parties or counsel who participated in conference:		
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		Local Rules provide a 140-day period for discovery. If any y is requesting additional time for discovery,
	(a)	Identify the party or parties requesting additional time:
	(b)	State the number of months the parties are requesting for discovery:
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	(c)	Identify the reason(s) for requesting additional time for discovery:
		Unusually large number of parties
		Unusually large number of claims or defenses
		Unusually large number of witnesses
		Exceptionally complex factual issues
		Need for discovery outside the United States
		Other:
	(d)	Please provide a brief statement in support of each of the reasons identified above:

	ny party is requesting that discovery be limited to particular es or conducted in phases, please		
(a)	Identify the party or parties re	questing such limits:	
(b)	State the nature of any propose	ed limits:	
	Local Rules provide, and the Coowing deadlines:	urt generally imposes, the	
or jo	t day for filing motions to add oin parties or amend pleadings	60 days after issue is joined	
	t day to furnish expert witness ort by plaintiff	60 days after Rule26(f) conference	
	t day to furnish expert witness ort by a defendant	90 days after Rule 26(f) conference (or 60 days after the answer, whichever is later)	

Las	t day to file motions	30 days after close of discovery
If a	ny party requests a modification	of any of these deadlines,
(a)	Identify the party or parties re-	questing the modification:
(b)	State which deadline should be supporting the request:	e modified and the reason
If th	State whether the parties have regarding the preservation, dis electronically stored information have their agreement memoral briefly describe the terms of the	reached an agreement closure, or discovery of on, and if the parties prefer to ized in the scheduling order,
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(a)	State whether the parties have reached an agreement regarding the procedures for asserting claims of privilege or protection after production of either electronic or other discovery material:
(b)	Briefly describe the terms of any agreement the parties wish to have memoralized in the scheduling order (or attach any separate proposed order which the parties are requesting the Court to enter addressing such matters):
(c)	Identify any issues regarding claims of privilege or protection as to which the parties have been unable to reach an agreement:
Stat orde	te any other matters the Court should include in its scheduliner:

Please state any specific problems that have created a hindrance to the settlement of the case:				
This	day of			
	Signed:			
	5 <u>—</u>	Attorney for Plaintiff		
		Attorney for Defendant		